

I strongly urge the FCC to reject the insanely stupid NAB Petition 04-160. That petition is nothing more than a request to give a overly-concentrated industry the right to extend its monopoly and to exercise censorship. The irony is that they are trying to censor a public service and limit listener choice. That seems to be typical of the NAB and the media conglomerates. And, it would seem, the FCC.

I'm a fairly recent subscriber to XM radio and for the first time in years, my car radio and the one at home have been turned back on. On occasion, it has encouraged me to listen to conventional radio, but I'm delighted greatly with the variety and quality of Satellite Radio Broadcasts. I hear good music and a lot of public service, such as C-Span while I make short or long trips.

I chose XM radio. I pay for it. If the NAB has a problem with the marketplace, then it is obviously time to re-regulate the over the air business and break up the conglomerates and return broadcasting to what it once was. These are not local entities.

The same NAB that claims it should be able to tell me what I can listen to on XM because it is a threat to local radio, doesn't give a damn about local radio. Does the NAB and the FCC think that consumers really don't know that "local" broadcasts on hundreds of stations originate from relatively few centralized studios far away?

On XM, I can listen to broadcasters from Fox to C-Span to the BBC. I subscribed after giving XM radio a chance to convince me that they were worth paying for.

Broadcasting traffic and weather is a public service. There is no legitimate reason to censor this material -- OR ANYTHING ELSE BE IT LOCAL OR NATIONAL -- from my XM (or Sirius) radio. This is a pay service, a premium service. I pay for the right not to listen to commercial radio if I choose. These days, whether it is the homogenized play lists or rubber stamped hate talk, they all sound the same.

The NAB (and the FCC) should stop trying to discourage new technologies. The FCC should stop acting as the NAB puppet.

There was a time that the NAB represented a true cross spectrum of honest-to-goodness local broadcasters. Those interests were frequently aligned against new technology and almost any threat that might come along, including television. But at least to some degree NAB once represented the interests of honest local entrepreneurs.

No I suspect, in return for political favors and contributions, the NAB will next want to control my internet access and prohibit installation of CD players in vehicles.

There is some local radio that I find appealing and worth listening to now that XM has reopened the door to sound in my car and house. There are a few I'd like to hear on my XM sound as I travel out of their area.

Let me suggest that if local radio provides programming worth listening to, then they won't have to be begging the FCC to protect them from their own stupidity.

After all, they're free and XM is not.